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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 7204 ACTION SECSTATE SEP 19.

QUOTE: S E C R E T GENEVA 7204

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FOR ATHERTON FROM SAUNDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS

SUBJECT: LOCATION OF ELECTRONIC SENSOR FIELDS

REF: STATE 220155

1. SHAFIR HAS RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT LOCATION OF  
TWO ELECTRONIC SENSOR FIELDS - GIDDI WEST AND  
MITLA WEST.

2. GIDDI WEST: HE PROPOSES LOCATION 7-9 KILOMETERS  
WEST OF OUR LOCATION. THIS WOULD BE ON ROAD  
SOMEWHERE BETWEEN POINTS 7915 AND 7935 ON RED GRID.  
HIS RATIONALE - APART FROM LIKELY UNSPOKEN POINT

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OF PUSHING FIELD AS FAR TOWARD EGYPT AS POSSIBLE -

IS THAT REAL ENTRANCE TO PASS AREA IS THERE BECAUSE AREA BETWEEN OUR LOCATION AND HIS IS AREA OF HIGH DUNES AND SOME HIGH TERRAIN WHICH SHOWS ON MAP JUST SOUTH OF ROAD AND EAST OF HIS LOCATION. IT IS EVEN DESIGNATED WAJI GIDDI ON AGREEMENT MAP.

3. MITLA WEST: HE PROPOSES LOCATION ONE AND ONE-HALF TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF KILOMETERS WEST OF OUR PROPOSED LOCATION. HIS ONLY POINT HERE IS: WHY HAVE A SENSOR RIGHT NEXT TO MANNED STATION WHEN THERE IS ROOM TO PUT IT A LITTLE FARTHER AWAY?

4. MY FEELING IS THAT WE PROBABLY COULD MOVE FIELD A KILOMETER WEST AT MITLA IF THAT IS TECHNICALLY SOUND. I AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, AT OBVIOUS LACK OF SYMMETRY IN GIDDI. IN TERMS OF TERRAIN, HAFIR MAY BE RIGHT; I CANNOT TELL FROM HERE, ALTHOUGH I KIDDED HIM THAT IF WE HAD DEFINED EASTERN END OF GIDDI DURING NEGOTIATIONS WAY HE NOW DEFINING WESTERN END, LINE E WOULD LOOK DIFFERENT TODAY.

5. MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT WHAT WOULD BE OPTIMAL POSITION IN PURELY TECHNICAL TERMS, TAKING SHAFIR'S POINT INTO ACCOUNT. THEN SEE HOW BAD IT LOOKS POLITICALLY.

6. I HAVE MADE POINT IN WRITING WHEN CIRCULATING MAP REFERENCES ON SENSOR FIELDS THAT THEY ARE NOTIONAL UNTIL FIELD SURVEY CAN TAKE PLACE. MY FALLBACK HERE WOULD BE TO PROPOSE THAT SENSOR FIELDS NOT BE LOCATED ON PROTOCOL MAP BUT BE ADDED AFTER FIELD SURVEY. BUT MORE WE CAN SETTLE HERE, BETTER OFF WE WILL BE LATER.

7. OTHER PROBLEM WHICH NEEDS TO BE CLEARED UP ANYWAY IS ACCURACY OF UTM REFERENCES FOR THESE TWO FIELDS. REFTEL STATED REFERENCES AS  
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FOLLOWS: GIDDI WEST - VU 903359 RPT 903359;  
MITLA WEST - VU 859200 RPT 859200. I HAD NOT NOTICED PROBLEM BECAUSE I USED RED GRID ON SHEET 8, BUT ON CHECKING I SEE THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOME REVERSAL OF NUMERALS BECAUSE THESE LOCATIONS DO NOT COINCIDE WITH THOSE WHICH I PLOTTED BY RED GRID. COULD CARTOGRAPHERS PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK ALL REFERENCES.

8. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO HOSKINSON AT LANGLEY  
AND TO CAIRO AND TEL AVIV. DALE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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